

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tunstall, of Norfolk, have been in Richmond for the past several days. They made their trip from Norfolk to Richmond in their automobile, and are now in Charlottesville for a short stay, prior to a motor trip with a party of friends through the Valley of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Tunstall expect to stop in Richmond on their return trip.

From among the social events of the late spring season in Ginter Park is to be the annual garden fete by the Ginter Park Women's Club, which will be held the last of May in the beautiful grounds surrounding the home of Mrs. Edwin Sampson, in Seminary Avenue. Everybody in Ginter Park takes part in this interesting entertainment. It is to be a carnival of beauty and joyfulness and will be one of the most interesting and unique entertainments given here for some time. It will be for "Pine Camp, and flowers and bright-colored lanterns to be given for a full program will play a prominent part in the affair.

Board Meeting.
A recent meeting of the Rosemary Library board of managers, held at the home of the president, Mrs. Parke Bagby, great interest was expressed in the extension of the value and usefulness of the library. Many new books were reported as added recently, among them being "The Isle of Life," "American Nobility," "Stella Maris," "The Making of Lydia," "House of Judgment," "The Court of Memory," "Concert Pitch," "One Woman's Life," "The Flowering Road," "Memoirs of Victorian Life," "Children's Encyclopedia," and many others. New books are being added to the Rosemary Library all the time.

Mrs. George Wayne Anderson, Mrs. B. O. James and Mrs. Luther Dawson were appointed a committee to arrange for an entertainment to be given at the library fund, and some of those present at the meeting were John Robertson, William Gordon, W. B. McNeill, S. W. Anderson, N. R. Savage, H. Pierce, Mesdames Luther Dawson, David Alvin and others.

To Visit Here.
Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Kinsolving, of St. Maria, Idaho, are expected here to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Eanes, some time in the early summer. Dr. Kinsolving formerly lived in Virginia and is now a prominent physician in Idaho, where he has made his home for some time past. Mrs. Kinsolving was before her marriage Miss Julia Eanes, and is to be in Richmond to attend the wedding of her sister, Miss Lulu Eanes, which will be celebrated June 4.

Confederate Hall.
Society is looking forward with a great deal of interest and pleasure to the big ball that will be given in the ballroom of the Masonic Temple to-morrow evening at 9 o'clock by Richmond Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. The dance will be opened with a grand march, in which all of the guests present will take part, and this march is to be followed by the Virginia reel by all of the younger society girls and men in attendance. The decorations will be unusually elaborate and pretty, and a buffet supper will be served at half-after 10 o'clock. The dance will have come to be an annual event and is one of the largest and most interesting functions given during the late spring season.

Leaves for Annapolis.
Colonel Charles M. Snelling, of Athens, Ga., who has been in Richmond attending the sessions of the Educational Conference, as the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. W. Williams, of 2108 Stuart Avenue, left Friday for Annapolis, Md., where he will visit his son, Midshipman William Morton Snelling.

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Colonel Snelling is president of Franklin College and is also dean of the University of Georgia.

The Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities has accepted an invitation from Mrs. Decatur Mayo, of Brandon, to stop at this beautiful colonial home on Saturday, May 1, when the association makes its annual pilgrimage to Jamestown. This announcement is of the greatest interest, since it adds so much pleasure to the trip to Jamestown. The committee in charge of the arrangements for the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities excursion includes Mrs. Preston W. Noland, chairman; Mrs. E. V. Valentine, Mrs. Arthur P. Wilmer, Miss Bettie Ellison, W. G. Stanard, Robert A. Lancaster and Morgan P. Robinson. The women of the committee will act as chaperones for the event.

Engagement Announced.
Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Caesar Kellam have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lillian May, to Edward Prince, University of West Virginia. The wedding will be celebrated some time in the month of June.

Meetings To-Day.
The Helping Circle of King's Daughters will meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the home of Miss Katie Seay, 314 North Twenty-seventh Street. All members are urged to be present.

A very important meeting of St. John's Circle of King's Daughters will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock with Mrs. B. A. Nord, 2300 East Broad Street. Every member is asked to be present. The meeting will be held from all committees in charge of the entertainment given by the circle on April 16.

Biennial Convention.
The biennial convention of the Alpha Delta Phi Sorority will be held in Chicago in June. The delegates are to be entertained at the Chicago Beach Hotel, and many interesting affairs will be given for the guests on this occasion. Information concerning the convention may be obtained from Miss Mamie Tillet, of Nu Chapter, Alpha Delta Phi, at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, in Lynchburg.

The spring carnival, which was given several weeks ago for the library fund of Ruffner School, will be repeated on Friday evening, April 25, at 8 o'clock. The program is very interesting and delightful one, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

In and Out of Town.
Miss M. W. Johnson left Saturday for New York City, where she will spend some time, visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson have returned to Richmond and will be at home at 1521 Hanover Avenue after May 1.

Miss Rosa Myers, of Norfolk, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Clay Watkins, at 912 Floyd Avenue.

Mrs. Frank Peters, formerly of Richmond, who has been quite ill at the Shenandoah Hospital, in Roanoke, is now much improved.

Mrs. W. J. Johnson has returned to the city, after an absence of several months.

Miss Mildred Black, of Lynchburg, is the guest of Mrs. Samuel S. Hart, of 294 North Addison Street.

Mrs. Norman V. Randolph has returned to Richmond, after spending several days in Clifton Forge.

Miss Eleanor Wingfield, who has been visiting friends in South Carolina for several weeks, has returned to Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Dalton, Jr., H. Dalton, Jr., and maid, of Raleigh, N. C., are visiting Mr. Lucy Dalton, at her home in Highland Park.

Mrs. Wythe D. Bowe, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. P. D. Glinn, at the University of Virginia, has returned to the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Plummer have returned to Newport News, after attending the Roulette-Haynes wedding here last week.

Miss Alice Brokenbrough, who spent several months in Richmond, has returned to her home near Warsaw.

Mrs. J. T. Jefferson, of Lynchburg, is the guest of Mrs. W. A. Evans, in this city.

Miss Kathleen Alsop, who has been in her home, 429 West Grace Street, for several weeks, is now rapidly improving.

Miss Lillie C. Avery, of Church Hill, left Friday for New York, where she will visit her brother, James T. Avery.

Carrington Williams, of the University of Virginia, has been the recent guest of relatives in Richmond.

Miss Therese Nurney and Miss Bessie Holland have returned to Suffolk, after a short visit to friends and relatives here.

Heth Owen, who has been the guest of relatives in Richmond for several days, has returned to the University of Virginia.

Miss Julia R. Culbreth left Richmond last week for North Carolina, where she will spend several weeks.

Miss Virginia Boschen, of 1122 West Main Street, is visiting her cousin, Miss Gladys Boschen, in Ashland.

Mrs. Will L. Hoard, Jr., of Lafayette, Ala., accompanied by her little son, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton O. Allen, Jr., of 518 Denny Street, Fulton.

Fly-Swarming Crusade.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Alexandria, Va., April 20.—A fly-swarming crusade will be inaugurated May 1st, under the auspices of the local Health Department. Prizes will be awarded each month to the child swatting the largest number of flies.

ACCA TEMPLE TEAM TO VISIT PULASKI

Will Hold Session to Confer Degrees on Large Number of Candidates.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Pulaski, Va., April 20.—The degree team from Acca Temple, Richmond, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will hold a ceremonial session in Pulaski on next Saturday night to confer degrees on a large number of candidates in Southwest Virginia.

This being the first ceremony connected with the Shrine, considerable interest is felt, and fully 200 Shriners from all parts of the State are expected to attend. The secret session will be held in the lodge room of the Pulaski Elks, and will be followed by a banquet at Maple Shade Inn. Local members of the Shriners are making the preparations for the convocation.

Captain T. L. Tate, as commander of Pulaski County Chapter of Confederate Veterans, has appointed a committee composed of Dr. J. W. Holmes, chairman; C. B. Tate, secretary, and G. A. Hulce, whose duty it shall be to make a roll of all Confederates who are buried in the county and the places of burial. To successfully accomplish this task the committee will have to have co-operation of all persons who are familiar with the several graveyards in the county and those veterans who are buried therein. They will appreciate any information which is furnished them in the completion of such records.

The pupils of the grammar grades of the Pulaski schools observed Arbor Day on Friday afternoon with special exercises, which included recitations, songs and speeches, followed by each class planting on the western side of the school grounds a shade tree, twelve in number. The planting was carried out under the supervision of the teachers of the several departments.

The Board of Supervisors of Pulaski County, at its meeting on Saturday, made an appropriation of \$300 to pay the fare of Confederate soldiers to the reunion at Gettysburg.

The fare from Pulaski will be \$8.95, and there will be about thirty to go from here. The board also fixed the county levy for the year as follows: General purposes, 20 cents; schools, 20 cents; pensions, 5 cents. The district levies are as follows: Newbern—Roads, 35 cents; schools, 30 cents; Hiwassee—Roads, 40 cents; schools, 30 cents; Dublin—Roads, 30 cents; schools, 25 cents; Pulaski—Roads, 75 cents; schools, 25 cents.

The Abingdon Presbytery, before adjournment at Dublin Friday night, held a session at a previous action to hold the fall session at Abingdon, and fixed the date for September 11, meeting at North Fork, Va. This action was taken in connection with changing the date of convening from Tuesday to Thursday, so that the ministers of the Presbytery could be assigned appointments for Sunday throughout that section of the coal fields. The Presbytery, by convening on Tuesday, completes its work prior to Sunday, and the ministers returned to their pulpits. The church has been doing considerable mission work in that part and this was considered a favorable time for special Sunday work.

Court Adjourns Over Sunday.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Bowling Green, Va., April 20.—The Circuit Court of Caroline County, which was in session since last Monday, adjourned Saturday evening until Monday morning. Among the cases tried was the Commonwealth against L. T. Brown, charged with finding a pocketbook containing about \$50 and returning it to the owner, which resulted in an acquittal. William Martin was given three years in the penitentiary for stabbing Selden Howard.

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FINALS AT V. P. I. BEGIN JUNE 15

Baccalaureate Sermon Will Be Preached by Rev. George Booker, D. D., of Petersburg.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Blacksburg, Va., April 20.—Finals at Virginia Polytechnic Institute this year come later in June than usual, but already the students are planning for the various events that go to make these interesting for the hundreds of visitors who gather here for commencement week.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached Sunday, June 15, by Rev. George Booker, D. D., of Petersburg, and the annual address to the alumni association will be made June 17 by Walter H. Beall, of Washington, D. C. Other public speakers will be heard on Monday and Wednesday, and the usual dances, drills and dress parades will be given. The first social affair of the week will be the Junior senior german, Friday night, June 13.

Secretary O. R. Magill, of the Y. M. C. A., and fourteen of the student members represented the college association at the State convention in Lynchburg the end of the week. Dr. Howard S. Reed, of the department of plant pathology, who is now on a year's leave of absence in Germany, will represent V. P. I. at the International Agricultural Convention in Ghent in August.

President P. B. Barringer, of the institute, has been invited to address the meeting in Christiansburg next Saturday. The Northern Virginia County Medical Society, and has accepted.

Under the management of the 1913 Bugle staff, Miss Louise A. Williams will appear at the college Tuesday night, April 22, in a variety of songs of Southern songs and dialect stories. Later in the month Dr. James Power Smith, of Richmond, will deliver an address here on Stonewall Jackson and the influence of the movement for erecting a suitable monument in Richmond to the noted warrior.

Burruss—Byers

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Fredericksburg, Va., April 20.—Dr. C. O. Burruss, formerly of this city, son of the late W. L. Burruss, of this city, and Miss Margaret Byers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Byers, of Sharon, S. C., were married Thursday evening at the home of the bride, the Rev. W. L. Burruss, who was decorated. Miss Margaret Byers was the flower girl, and J. B. Valley, Jr., was the ringbearer. The wedding music was played by Miss Wilmore Logan, of the Richmond Chorus. The ceremony was held at 8 o'clock, and the bride was in a costume of embroidered voile, with a veil caught with lilacs of the ceremony. Many beautiful gifts were received.

Dr. and Mrs. Burruss will reside at Sharon, where Dr. Burruss is a prominent physician.

DECLARATION CONTEST.

Miss Martha Graves Declared Winner by Judges.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Gordonsville, Va., April 20.—A declaration contest was held at the Gordonsville High School Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in order to decide which of the pupils should compete for the county medal to be awarded in Orange to the winner of the contest. The contest was held at the close of the school session. Misses Martha Graves, Dandridge Blackley and Grace McElroy were the contestants. The judges, Mrs. W. T. Estes, Mrs. R. B. Barber and Mrs. J. F. W. Ruffin, decided in favor of Miss Martha Graves.

Another feature of interest was the debate, "Capital Punishment," Alfred White and William Bowen, affirmative; Carrol Estes and Miss Harriet Dotmyer, negative. The arguments were all good from their different viewpoints. Miss Dotmyer being particularly strong.

COLUMBIA SCHOOL WINS.

Awarded Decision in Debate Over Palmyra Representation.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Columbia, Va., April 20.—The debate between the Palmyra High School and Columbia High School took place here Friday night before a large audience. The subject for discussion was, "Resolved, That in Virginia All Children Over Ten and Less Than Fifteen Years of Age, Who Are Not Physically Unable, Be Compelled to Attend School at Least Thirty Weeks in the Year."

The following debaters represented Columbia: Prof. Hall, of Dilwyn High School, and W. B. Benson, of Breno Blue. When the judges announced their decision in favor of the affirmative the Columbia High School students were wild with joy, and gave vent to their feelings in yells and songs.

OLD RESIDENCE DESTROYED.

House at Stevensville, More Than Century Old, Destroyed by Fire.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] King and Queen Courthouse, Va., April 20.—The dwelling of Sidney C. Vaughan, near Stevensville, was totally destroyed by fire here on Friday morning.

The family were at breakfast when a girl passing along the road noticed the fire on the roof and rushed in and notified them. A large crowd soon collected, and most of the contents of the house were removed.

This was one of the few of the old houses left in the community. It was built more than 100 years ago, and was formerly the home of Richard Bagby and was occupied for about fifty years by Dr. B. H. Walker. The loss is about \$3,000, with only \$1,000 insurance.

REIGN IS NOTABLE IN RUSSIAN HISTORY

Many Achievements for His People Have Been Wrought by Emperor Nicholas.

BY LA MARQUESE DE FONTENAY.

EMPEROR Nicholas has authorized his Premier and Minister of Finance, W. N. Kokovtsov, to complete the arrangement in Paris for a loan of 700,000,000 francs (\$140,000,000) for the construction of the new South Siberian Railroad. His reign is already notable in Russian history for the grant of a Constitution, and of a parliamentary form of government to the nation, as well as for the completion of the Trans-Asiatic Railroad from Moscow across Northern Siberia to Vladivostok. Russia's naval strength to hold on the Pacific Coast. He hopes to add to these achievements the creation of the South Siberian Railroad, which will be from an economic point of view still more important than the Trans-Siberian, the Trans-Caspian, the North Siberian and the Amur Great Trunk lines of railroad in Asia. The new line will extend from Aktjinsk, on the Orenburg-Tashkent Railroad, and from there to Akmolinsk, Turgai, and from there to Akmolinsk, At Semipalatinsk, which is, perhaps, today the most important Russian trade center in Southern Siberia, the railroad will then stretch northwards to join the present Trans-Siberian Railroad. The line is destined to promote the settlement of the huge table land of Russia in Asia, which is bounded by the Trans-Siberian line of the north, by the Ural range in the west, and the Altai range in the south. It is a table land which, for hundreds of years, has furnished the Kirghizes and other Central Asian tribes with the means of raising huge herds of sheep, horses and camels, is capable of great agricultural development, and is particularly rich in mineral wealth, especially gold and coal, neither of which, although prospecting, have been able to be worked to any extent, owing to the lack of transport.

Now that Russia has secured virtual control of Persia and of Mongolia, Emperor Nicholas has high hopes that his men do not wish for any further territorial acquisitions in Asia. Their aim is rather one of concentration and development of what they have already won. The principal reason for the almost inexhaustible character of the latent wealth of that portion of the Muscovite empire which is situated in Asia, it is in pursuance of this object that the Emperor has determined to spend so much money on the new South Siberian line, which is to form a sort of vertebra for a number of lines in the shape of branch lines, stretching north and south, tapping the prosperous districts.

While the Emperor and his ministers thus disclaim, with perfect sincerity, any desire for territorial aggrandizement, they are, however, every now and again to be frustrated by the officers of the troops entrusted with the guardianship of her frontiers. These men not only hanker after military laurels, but also are prone to afford them chances of promotion and of fame, as having added to the possessions of the empire. That is why they are apt to foster border troubles, and it is to this, that it is to say, to the ambitions of their officers, that must be ascribed the discrepancy that has often appeared to exist between the peaceful assurance of the imperial government and the aggressive acts of its agents in the aggressive Asia, a notable instance in point being that of Merv.

Among the principal duties of ambassadors is that of keeping their government thoroughly posted as to the trend of popular sentiment in the countries to which they have been assigned, especially when the policies of these countries are more or less directly subordinated to the will of the people. The most efficacious way of keeping in touch with this popular sentiment is by means of a perusal of the various newspapers of the country in question, and also by mingling freely with all classes of society. But how can an envoy do this when he is himself a subject of the country to which he is sent?

Every one of the various foreign ambassadors and ministers at Washington is a master of the English language. M. Jusserand, for instance, has achieved celebrity as one of the foremost living authorities on English literature. But Thomas James O'Brien, the retiring ambassador of the United States at Rome, is as ignorant of Italian as his first secretary, Richard C. Kerens, who has represented the United States at Vienna, knows as little of German as his predecessor, Charles Spencer Francis. John A. Leishman, at Berlin, can hardly be described as

a master of the German language; while neither Lars Andersen, nor yet his predecessor, Charles Puge Bryan, United States envoy at Tokyo, knew anything of Japanese, and none of the American envoys at St. Petersburg, with the exception of William W. Rockwell, who went there to follow the example of Prince Bismarck, when he was accredited to the court of the Czar, in learning Russian. Indeed, all Russian envoys at St. Petersburg were to that extent bilingual, that they spoke the language. Of course, no people in society in the Czar's capital are as fluent in French as in their own language. But this does not prevent them, from speaking Russian among themselves, especially when foreigners are present, and they do not wish to be understood.

England has for several decades made a habit of giving special allowances to those of her diplomats who have mastered the language of the country in which they were stationed. It is to say, if the language was other than French or German, it would be well if some similar method were adopted by the State Department at Washington, and if the President, in appointing his nominees for diplomatic posts, was to take into consideration their knowledge, or their readiness to acquire knowledge, of the language of the country to which he assigns them, so that they may not be wholly dependent upon the French or German, as to the character of popular sentiment, and of what is going on around them.

General von Auffenberg, whose sudden removal from his post as Austro-Hungarian Minister of War last winter created so great a sensation, coming, as it did, at a time when the relations between Austria and the one hand, Russia and Serbia on the other, had reached the most acute, has been entirely cleared of any reflection on his honor. There were not only imputations—strongly worded, and wholly without foundation—to the effect that he had derived pecuniary benefit from the sale of rifles rendered obsolete by the new weapons with which the imperial army is now equipped, but there were also insinuations that he was guilty of floating about promissory notes endorsed with his name. In this connection, the name of a very fascinating widow of an officer was freely mentioned, and it was hinted that she possessed undue influence over the general.

The general did not hesitate to denounce the insinuation of the notes in question, and his name as a barefaced forger, and at once placed the matter in the hands of the criminal authorities. But before any action could be taken the notes were withdrawn, and the due consideration the affair was dropped by the authorities on the ground that in view of the redemption of the notes, it would be difficult to obtain a conviction.

The Emperor's minister was brought up recently in the imperial legislature at Vienna, where full tribute was rendered by the government to the freedom of the former Minister of War in question, and to his honor. At the most, he seemed to have been somewhat indiscreet in his friendships. But then, Mars, especially when gray-haired, has always been susceptible to the seductions of Venus; and that his possible frailties have been so regarded with indulgence in high quarters is sufficiently shown by the fact that he is to-day one of the inspectors-general of the army.

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FINAL MEETING OF W. C. T. U. County Institute in Session at Amherst for Several Days.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Amherst, Va., April 20.—The final session of the county institute of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, which convened in Ascension Church, at Amherst, this week, were held Friday afternoon and night.

At the closing exercises, E. H. Hopkins conducted devotional services, after which Mrs. H. M. Hoke, the State president, gave a drill on parliamentary rules. Following this, papers on "The Temperance Union," "The Christian Work" were read by Misses Winifred Walker and Vera P. Joyner, respectively. After brief discussion of each of those subjects, the institute adjourned until 8 o'clock Friday night.

At 8 o'clock Rev. L. H. Early conducted devotional services, and the reading of the program was in charge of Professor S. P. Polk, principal of the high school here. One of the principal features of the evening was a competitive reading contest by five young women, each of whom read articles bearing on temperance. Those competing were Misses Mary Ware, Ruth Cunningham, Mary Settle, Vivian Mays and Corrie Stinnett. The judges, who were W. B. Meeks, Thomas Whitehead and J. E. Bowman, awarded the prize to Miss Ruth Cunningham. While the judges were deciding on the award, Mrs. Thomas Whitehead delighted the audience with a charming recitation. During the evening Mrs. Ward sang an appropriate solo. A silver offering was taken at the door, the proceeds from which will be divided between the high school and the W. C. T. U.

All the sessions of the institute were well attended, and at night especially large crowds came out. The whole program was interspersed with inspiring music, which was rendered by a union choir.

Judge B. T. Gordon adjourned court here Friday and went to his home at Lovingsville. He will return to Amherst Monday, and court session will continue the greater part of next week. The docket at this term was an unusually long one. The suit of Dr. George E. Walker against the Southern Railway Company is set for Friday. The case of Tom Christian against the county for damages to his land on account of the macadam road passing through his property will probably be heard at this term.

APPEAL MAY BE TAKEN.

Steps Being Taken by Attorneys for Mrs. Ollie T. Browning.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., April 20.—While the formal notice for the transcript of the record has not been given, it is learned that steps are being taken by attorneys for Mrs. Ollie T. Browning, of Roanoke, looking to an appeal in the case of the Southern Railway Company against the case of the macadam road passing through his property will probably be heard at this term.

A decree of sale was entered in the last week by Judge H. C. McDowell, after he had reduced the purchase price for the mine, as originally agreed upon by Roswell and Mrs. Browning, by something like \$75,000.